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Dear Community Friends;

### **SPD Sex Offender Website**

Recently, the Seattle Police Department has launched its own sex offender website, which can be accessed through the SPD home page at [www.seattle.gov/police](http://www.seattle.gov/police). Click on the "sex offenders" link in the left hand menu. The link expands to allow you six different options, which are detailed below.

#### **Search For Sex Offenders:**

<http://web1.seattle.gov/police/sexoffender/search.aspx>. This link takes you to a federal census tract map of Seattle. Click on the census tract of interest to you. The names of the level 2 and 3 sex offenders living in that census tract will appear. Click on the name of the offender and their community notification bulletin will appear. You can print the bulletin or read it from the website. You may also search for a sex offender by last name. Be mindful that approximately 70% of sex offenders are considered level 1, or low risk, and are not subject to community notification

#### **Useful Resources:**

<http://web1.seattle.gov/police/sexoffender/links.aspx>. You can link to the official sex offender registries for most states in the country, the sex offender websites for our neighboring counties, links for help for victims of sexual abuse, and prevention links. The link [Assistance to Parents and Guardians \(Featured Publications\)](#) is extremely useful for parents wanting information on how to keep their children safe. There are excellent articles on what to do if you're considering a babysitter, daycare, or even a divorce or separation.

#### **Safety Information:**

<http://web1.seattle.gov/police/sexoffender/safetyinfo.aspx>. This link takes you to personal safety information that may be of interest.

**Notify Us:** <http://web1.seattle.gov/police/sexoffender/NotifyUs.aspx>.

While most registered sex offenders comply with the sex offender registration laws, there are always those who try to beat the system. Some offenders register as "homeless" in an attempt to avoid community notification when they really do have a residence. Some use a friend or relative's address, while living in another area. This link allows you to send us an E-mail (you can remain anonymous) if you have a tip on where an offender is actually living.

#### **E-mail Notification:**

<http://web1.seattle.gov/police/sexoffender/SignUp.aspx>. This link provides a means for you to be notified when a sex offender moves in or out of a particular census tract. You can sign up or remove yourself from this notification at any time. **All previous E-mail notifications are null and void. If you want to receive E-mail notification you will need to sign up through the website.**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

<http://web1.seattle.gov/police/sexoffender/faq.aspx> This link takes you to a document that should answer most of your questions regarding community notification.

This website would not be a reality without the hard work and dedication of Stephanie Coleman and Shanna Christie from the Seattle Police Department, and Busbong Sears, Ken Vogel, Robert Barkhuff, and Nate Eckstine from the City of Seattle Department of Internet Technology

If you have any suggestions or comments, don't hesitate to E-mail SPD's Sex Offender Detail at [spd.sexoffenderdetail@seattle.gov](mailto:spd.sexoffenderdetail@seattle.gov). A special thanks to Detective Bob Shilling for providing this information.

Until next time, Take Care and Stay Safe!

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